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SUBJECT: SUEZ AREA RECONSTRUCTION: REQUEST FOR
ADVISORY ASSISTANCE

1. MIN HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION HAS INFORMED EMBASSY IN LETTER DATED MARCH 26 THAT PANEL BEING FORMED TO PROVIDE ADVICE FOR FINAL SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS UNDER SUEZ CANAL. DAPT WILL RECALL THAT MIN HAS MADE SIMILAR REQUESTS IN SELECTING CONSULTING FIRMS FOR SUEZ CANAL AREA MASTER PLANS AND FOR MASTER PLANNING OF WESTERN DESERT REGION.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO NOMINATE 3 EXPERTS FOR CONSIDERATION. MIN WISHES TO RECEIVE LIST OF NOMINEES WITH BRIEF CURRICULA VITAE NO LATER THAN APRIL 7 AND PLANS TO ADVISE EMBASSY ON APRIL 9 OF THEIR SELECTION.

3. INTL PANEL WILL MEET IN CAIRO BEGINNING ON APRIL 21 FOR ABOUT 2 WEEKS TO OFFER ADVICE CONCERNING DETERMINATION CONTRACTORS FOR THIS PROJECT. EXPERTS NOMINATED MUST BE IMPARTIAL AND HAVE NO INVOLVEMENT WITH ANY OF PROPOSED FIRMS. (ONLY PREQUALIFIED US FIRMS ASKED TO BID ARE RAYMOND INTL, 2 PENN PLAZA, N.Y., N.Y. AND PERINI CORP., 71-73 MT. WAYTE AVE., FRAMINGHAM, MASS.). THE EXPERT CHOSEN WILL RECEIVE AN HONORARIUM OF \$2,000 PLUS ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING FIRST CLASS ROUNDTRIP AIR FARE.

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4. COMMENT: EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT PRIORITY ATTENTION BE

GIVEN TO THIS REQUEST OF MIN HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION.
AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY SUCESSFUL IN RECEIVING
CONTRACT AWARDS FROM MIN HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION, A FACT
WHICH HAS BEEN WIDELY NOTED BY THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
NOMINATION OF EXPERTS WHO ARE BOTH IMPARTIAL AND HAVE IMPECCABLE
CREDENTIALS COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR COMPETING AMERICAN
CONTRACTORS.
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